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LATAH COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

"To Make the Best Better"

LATAH COUNTY 4-H OFFICE

Congratulations to each and every 4-H member on a job well done at the 2021 Latah County Fair! Thank you to our 4-H leaders, who guided youth through another successful year. Fair would also not be possible without the hard work of the Latah County Fair Board, Latah Market Animal Sale Committee, FFA Advisors, and many other volunteers! Take time to celebrate your accomplishments this year as families and with your fellow club members. You deserve it!

As a reminder, I am frequently out of the office in October and November for large spans of time. This is the time of year when many professional development events are scheduled for 4-H personnel in Idaho. There are also some upcoming holidays that impact all Latah County offices.

October 11—Latah County Extension Closed—Holiday, Columbus Day.

In-Service, Boise, ID.

- November 11—Latah County Extension • Closed—Holiday, Veteran's Day.
- Out of the office November 15-19-National 4-H Conference, Memphis, TN.

As Idaho 4-H navigates a new enrollment management system this fall, ZSuite, please be patient with our staff and remember we are learning the ins and outs of this system alongside you. Our office is working hard to assist new and returning 4-H families through the enrollment process. Stay tuned for some county-specific trainings TBA in the coming weeks to help give you the tools you need to use the system to its full potential.

It is so exciting to kick off a new 4-H year in a county with so many hardworking and talented youth, families, and leaders. We look forward to welcoming back all of our returning members as well as many new families!

Sara Fluer Associate Extension Educator Out of the office October 11-15—Idaho 4-H **UI Extension, Latah County**

FALL ENROLLMENT ANNOUNCEMENT!



The new 4-H year begins October 1. Idaho will no longer be using 4-H Online and all enrollments (for youth and leaders) will be managed through ZSuite, the same system you currently use for your record books.

Enrollment opens on October 4. Please bookmark https://4h.zsuite.org/ for easy access.

If you are already set up in ZSuite for record books, please do not create a new account. Enrollment will happen through your existing family account. Idaho 4-H has provided a recording of ZSuite training for 4-H families & Leaders: https://tinyurl.com/ZSuiteTraining. Passcode: Wt+3&u&T

Stay tuned for additional training dates TBA this fall at the county level.

Enrollment is not considered COMPLETE until your dues are paid via check, cash, or credit card over the phone:

General Members: \$25 Leaders: \$5

Horse Members: \$30 Family Cap (3+ members): \$75

Members are not covered by 4-H accident insurance until dues are paid!

GENERAL 4-H NEWS

2021 AWARD APPLICATIONS

Award applications for 2021 are now available on the UI Extension, Latah County 4-H website: <u>https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/county/latah/4-h/forms</u>

There are lots of great awards to apply for this year. Friday, October 22 is the deadline for all applications.

- Latah County Comprehensive Award—Latah County 4-H Leaders Council sponsors this award, which includes a comprehensive pin, plaque, and \$200.
- Gerald & Grace Ingle Memorial Award—Latah County Pomona Grange, No. 17 sponsors this cash award, funded by Gerald Ingle Memorial Fund.
- Pomona Award—application is a recommendation from organizational or project leader. The Pomona Grange sponsors this award.

Beef Award Sponsors: Idaho Angus Auxiliary and Idaho Cattle Association

- Black Angus Breeding Project Award—Latah County 4-H & FFA members eligible.
- Black Angus Market Project Award—Latah County 4 -H & FFA members eligible.
- Idaho Cattle Association Superior Beef Belt Buckle Award—Latah County 4-H & FFA members eligible.

AWARDS NIGHT UPDATE

Due to the increase in COVID cases in Latah County and the reinstatement of masks inside Latah County and UI facilities, Latah County Extension, in cooperation with Latah County Leader's Council has decided to cancel the large-scale potluck and award ceremony for 2021.

Just like last year, we invite clubs to recognize and celebrate the outstanding accomplishments of their members at the club level. We encourage you to plan a date in November or December to celebrate the accomplishments of your club members together. Club Organizational Leaders will receive a box containing:

- Year pins for all members who successfully completed a project(s).
- Any awards and certificates for recipients of county awards.
- Market animal record books will be returned.

The year-end award slideshow will be released countywide for viewing. Leaders are welcome to incorporate this presentation into their own club awards, if they so choose.

If you would like Extension to attend your club awards ceremony to assist with handing out awards, please contact Sara Fluer at <u>sfluer@uidaho.edu</u> ASAP to confirm availability.

Club leaders, please stay tuned for information coming from Extension with additional specifics and/or requests related to year-end awards.

4-H COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS



4-H college scholarships for the 2021-2022 school year are available for 4-H youth who plan to attend post-secondary institutions in Idaho. Please review the information on the scholarships available and how to apply by

visiting <u>https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/</u> programs/scholarships.

Applications are due by December 15. Please plan ahead and apply early.

Reminder: High School Senior's FAFSA application for college opens Oct. 1. Be sure to get it completed and turned in as soon as possible as may schools use that information for awarding scholarships in early January. Contact your local High School Counselor for information.

If you have questions please contact the UI 4-H Office at 208-885-7700 or <u>fourh@uidaho.edu</u>.

FAIR WRAP-UP

SALE SPONSORS

You will soon be receiving contact information to thank your buyers and supporters. This information will come directly from the Latah Market Animal Sale Committee.

In addition to thanking your buyer, there are many other individuals and businesses who helped make the 2021 market animal sale possible.

Receiving a sincere thank you is not only a thoughtful gesture, but it plays a much bigger role in the sustainability of the sale. Thanking those individuals/ businesses for their support will help them keep 4-H and FFA in mind as they make plans for giving back to the community next year. Sponsorship does not just "happen," it is something that donors budget and plan for all year long. Be sure to send them a note of appreciation!

Don't forget to thank the sale sponsors, too! Their support helps keep the cost of the sale down, and the commission on your sale check low.

PRESENTING SPONSORS

- Washington Trust Bank
- Latah County Farm Bureau

SUPPORTING SPONSORS

- The McGregor Company
- Furniture Center

COMMUNITY SPONSORS

- Pape Machinery
- Moscow RV Center
- Diamond S Land & Livestock, LLC
- Deep Creek Angus Ranch
- Premier Portable Buildings
- Helena Agri-Enterprises
- Umpqua Bank
- S&Q Club Lambs

Please thank the Latah Market Animal Sale Committee for their work to put on a successful sale. This committee is run entirely by volunteers, and the sale would not be possible without them.

Thank you notes can be addressed to LMAS and mailed to 200 S Almon Street, STE 201, Moscow, ID 83843.

FAIR SPONSORS

Please also take some time to send a thank you note to the sponsors of the Latah County Fair.

Latah County Commissioners: Tom Lamar, Kathie LaFortune, Dave McGraw for their support each year in making the Latah County Fair possible. Our elected officials like to hear from youth in our community, so please drop them a note. Thank you notes can be sent to PO Box 8068, Moscow, ID 83843.

PRESENTING SPONSOR

• Idaho Central Credit Union

ENTERTAINMENT SPONSOR

• PNW Farmers Cooperative

ANIMAL SHOW SPONSOR

- At Home Real Estate
- Potlatch Deltic
- Your Health Idaho

COMPETITIVE EXHIBIT SPONSOR

- Blaine Fleece & Fiber
- Paradise Lodge #17
- Palouse Patchers
- Latah County Historical Society
- Moscow Garden Club

GENERAL SPONSORS

- Rosauers
- 1912 Center
- Bennett Lumber Products, Inc.

LEADER'S CORNER

Leaders, please direct your club member's attention to these important documents at the beginning and throughout the 4-H year.

Many questions and concerns can be answered by referring to these resources.

This information has been made available in the 4-H newsletter throughout this past year and can be found online on the UI Extension, 4-H Youth Development website as well as in each month's newsletter going forward.

CLUB FINANCIAL AUDITS

All Club Organizational leaders can expect to receive information via email by October 1 regarding annual club financial reports.

As a reminder, club audits are always due by <u>November 1</u>. This is a process completed annually and is required if clubs are to remain in good standing and enroll members each year.

Club leaders can expect to complete the following documents:

- 1. Annual Financial Summary
- 2. Annual Financial Audit Committee Certification
- 3. Financial Audit Form Checklist
- 4. Civil Rights Engagement Report—new as of 2021, but easy to complete!

<u>PLUS</u> - a copy of your club's most recent bank statement.

If you would prefer a hard copy, please contact our office and we will mail you a blank copy of the forms to complete.

IMPORTANT 4-H RESOURCES

All 4-H families and leaders should be aware of the following guiding documents for 4-H operations in Latah County and across all Idaho 4-H programs.

Bookmark the UI Extension 4-H Youth Development website for access to all sorts of 4-H resources! <u>https://</u> www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/documents-records

Idaho 4-H Policies & Procedures

It is the responsibility of all members, leaders, and parents/guardians to follow 4-H policies and procedures, which includes the 4-H Code of Conduct. You are asked to review and consent to this each year during enrollment.

Idaho 4-H Project Requirements Handbook

Not sure what is required of your specific project? Need some project specific resources to get started? Use the project requirement handbook throughout the year to answer your questions!

Latah County Animal Project Policies

This document pertains to county-specific policies for all animal projects, including breeding, market, pet, and small animals.

These are policies that are not already published in the Policies & Procedures and the Project Requirements Handbook. Please make yourself aware of its contents and keep a copy nearby.

Upcoming meetings for Horse Leaders, Livestock Leaders, & Leader's Council:

- November 22
- January 24
- March 28
- May 23

Meetings will be held at the Latah County Fairgrounds unless otherwise noted. Groups meet as follows:

- Horse Leaders–5:30 pm
- Livestock Leaders—6:00 pm
- Leaders Council—6:30 pm

CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 1-Beginning of 2021-2022 4-H Year
- 11—Columbus Day, Latah County Extension closed (holiday)
- 22-24—Statewide Ambassador Summit—Camp Horsetheif, Cascade

NOVEMBER

- 1—Club Financial Summaries Due
- 11—Veteran's Day, Latah County Extension closed (holiday)
- <u>14</u>—Latah County Awards Night Awards will be handed over to clubs for club ceremonies.
 See page 2 for more information.
- 22—Leader's Council Meeting
- 25-26—Thanksgiving, Latah County Extension closed (holiday)

DECEMBER

- 24—Christmas (observed), Latah County Extension closed (holiday)
- 31—New Year's Day (observed), Latah County Extension closed (holiday)

JANUARY

- 15-16—Northern District Ambassador Retreat, Location TBA
- 24—Leader's Council meeting

FEBRUARY

- 19-21—Know Your Government Conference
- 27-Model Horse Show

